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REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 8-18 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-3 and 8-18 have been allowed while Claim 4 is objected to. New Claims 19 and 20 have been added. No new matter has been introduced in the amended claims and no additional fees are required inasmuch as the total number of claims does not exceed 20 and the total number of independent claims does not exceed three.

Claim 1 has been amended to change the order of the Markush group to clarify that R³ can be phenyl, naphthyl, or quinolinyl and that the phenyl group can be optionally substituted with F, Cl, or trifluoromethyl. This amendment introduces no new matter and finds support on page 4, lines 20-21, page 5, lines 26-27; page 6, line 8; and page 10, line 11, as well as in Examples 1-9, pages 24-33 of the specification.

Claim 4 has been amended to a method of treating glaucoma with a compound of Claim 1. Basis for this claim can be found in the specification on page 8, line 12.

Claim 8 has been amended to include a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound, basis for which can be found in Claim 1.

Claim 9 has been amended to be an independent claim.

Claim 19 is identical to allowable Claim 4 except for its dependency.

Claim 20 is identical to amended Claim 8 except for its dependency.

Response to Objection

The Examiner has objected to Claim 4 as containing non-elected subject matter. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants have amended Claim 4 to be directed to a method of treating glaucoma. As amended, this claim is now in condition for allowance. Claim 19 is allowable for the same reason.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be granted for Claims 1-4 and 8-20. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call Dr. Reid S. Willis at the number below.

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